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**RE: Calgary John Howard Society – Temporary Halfway House Land Use Application
LOC2015-0147**

Your Worship & Members of Council,

On behalf of the Calgary John Howard Society (CJHS), Brown & Associates submitted a land use amendment application for 2404-50 Street SE. The site is home to an existing "Lodging House/Temporary Shelter" that is operating under Direct Control District DC111z98. This DC district is based on the Bylaw 2P80 "General Light Industrial (I-2)" district and allows for the additional discretionary use of a "Lodging House".

The purpose of the land use amendment is to change the existing "Direct Control" district (DC111z98) zoning to a "Direct Control" district based on the "Industrial General (I-G)" district that allows for the additional discretionary use of "Custodial Care" as defined in Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 to accommodate a Community Residential Facility for up to five (5) years. The Bylaw is designed to limit this to a one-time only use and it cannot be renewed without doing another Land Use Bylaw Redesignation, approved by City Council.

There are no changes to the existing site proposed as part of this land use application. The subject site is located in the community of Forest Lawn in a light industrial area near 17th Avenue East/International Avenue. There is a trailer park located to the north of the site (DC101z2006), and light industrial business uses to the west, south and east (all zoned DC80z95).

Purpose of the Application

The purpose of this application is to find a temporary home for the Calgary John Howard Society's (CJHS) Bedford House. Bedford House is a Community Residential Facility (CRF) as defined by Correctional Services of Canada, more commonly known as a "halfway house". Currently located in East Victoria, Bedford House has been expropriated to accommodate the Stampede expansion. The CJHS is no longer able to continue Bedford House operations at the East Victoria site due to the Stampede's desire to demolish the building and start construction on their expansion in March 2016. Should a suitable location not be found by March 1, 2016 the program will need to be discontinued and subject to a new application with Calgary Corrections when the Manchester facility is ready for occupancy.

The CJHS is proposing to lease an existing City-owned building located at 2404-50 Street SE for Bedford House to use as a temporary solution, until their permanent location has been constructed in the SE Calgary community of Manchester. The site is currently operating as a form of special care facility described as a lodging house. The Office of Land Servicing & Housing (OLSH) has provided CJHS with a temporary lease to operate Bedford House at this location for up to a maximum of five (5) years.

The CJHS proposal plans to accommodate a maximum of twenty-five (25) residents in the lodging facility. Supervision of residents will occur 24 hours a day by on-site staff.

The proposed site is appropriate for Bedford House operations because it:

- has been home to existing special care operations,
- is physically suitable to accommodate Bedford House operations,
- easy access to public transit service, and
- is within close proximity of commercial uses along 17th Avenue SE.

The CJHS has consulted with the communities in the area to discuss the proposed operations with them and has tried to address any concerns they have brought forward. The CJHS does not propose any changes to the existing site plan to accommodate the CRF.

A Brief History of Bedford House Relocation

Bedford House is a CRF that has peacefully existed in East Victoria next to parks, schools, residential buildings and businesses for over 30 years. It has the full support of the Beltline Community Association as a good special care facility operator.

In 2006, CJHS submitted an application to relocate Bedford House to the community of Sunalta. Subsequent to a development permit (DP) approval by City Administration, the approval was appealed to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) by the community and the DP approval was overturned.

After the SDAB decision, the CJHS engaged a number of professionals including sociologists, community planners, and realtors to find another location for Bedford House. The criteria used to find the new site were taken from the SDAB decision, the City's guidelines for the relocation of special care facilities, and the CJHS's requirements for successful operations.

In 2010, CJHS successfully rezoned a permanent location for the Bedford House, along with other CJHS operations, at 4444 Builders Road SE in the Manchester Industrial area. Although CJHS will ultimately relocate to the Manchester site, the costs and logistics of such a significant move have prevented the CJHS from building on the site to date. This has led CJHS to seek an interim solution for the relocation of Bedford House.

As a result, CJHS is seeking to operate Bedford House at the existing City-owned lodging housing located at 2404-50 Street SE on an interim basis. The organization is confident that the existing building will prove to be a successful interim solution for Bedford House.

Application Support

A number of organizations and groups have offered support and/or are not opposed to the proposed application (please see attached letters/correspondence, if available):

- Calgary Police Service (Chief of Police) – Attachment 1
- Erin Woods Community Association – Attachment 2
- Pembroke Meadows Community Association (Verbal)
- RESOLVE Campaign – Attachment 3

Public Engagement & Consultation

The CJHS Team understands that uses of this nature are very difficult to place. It has been recognized by those consulted in this proposed application that the services this organization provides to the City of Calgary is needed and necessary. The CJHS team made all efforts with the surrounding communities and residents to inform them of the CJHS operations. These efforts were realized through meetings, information material mail-outs, an open house, and website. Please find enclosed a summary of the public consultation efforts since October 2015 – Attachment 4.

CJHS Commitments

During the 2010 Manchester application the CJHS heard the concerns of the public regarding the acceptance of diagnosed pedophiles within their program. The CJHS offered a commitment to the residents that no diagnosed pedophiles would be accepted until the Federal Government had an electronic monitoring program in place. The CJHS has agreed to the same commitment for the Forest Lawn Temporary Facility. Please see attached the Commitment Letter, dated November 3, 2015 – Attachment 5.

Conclusions

The CJHS has committed to continue working with the Community Associations and residents of the area through the commitment of creating a Good Neighbour Agreement with the surrounding communities and with the establishment of an ongoing Liaison Committee. They are confident that their facility will not negatively affect the community of Forest Lawn, or any community in the City. In fact, CJHS hopes to assist in reducing the crime currently located in this area of the City, while also fulfilling their mandate to restore lives, prevent crime and strengthen communities.

We are requesting the support of City Council for the Bedford House Temporary Facility at 2404 50th Street SE.

Kindly,



Kathryn Oberg
Principal
Brown & Associates Planning Group



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2015 December 17

Mr. David Couroux
 Senior Planner, LPI South
 City of Calgary
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Dear Mr. Couroux:

RE: Proposed Relocation of the Bedford Halfway House

The Calgary Police Service has a healthy and long standing working relationship with the Calgary John Howard Society (CJHS). The Bedford House, operated by the CJHS, has been a part of the Victoria Park Community for the last three decades, and has served as an essential rehabilitative piece of the larger Criminal Justice system.

All communities in Calgary come with shared and unique needs around community policing, which are constantly being assessed and adjusted to best meet those community needs, as they too evolve over time. Any community that embraces a half-way house comes with another layer of consideration and accountability, from a civic, community, and policing perspective. Victoria Park, with the Bedford House, has been no different. That being said, in working closely with the CJHS, the community, and other related stakeholders, the Calgary Police Service has been able to effectively work through any related challenges.

We are aware that Bedford House is seeking a temporary relocation to a building located at 2404 - 50 Street SE, in the community of Forest Lawn. We understand that this relocation has been requested for a maximum of five years.

The Calgary Police Service is constantly looking to partner with community organizations, develop programs and initiatives, and re-align resources in the interests of community safety. Forest Lawn and the surrounding area has been of particular interest in this regard as of late, with the establishment of a beats and bike patrol team for the community serving as an excellent example. Should the Bedford House relocate to this community, the Calgary Police Service is confident that it will be able to continue to work toward maximizing related public safety in partnership with the Bedford House itself, CJHS, the community and other related stakeholders.

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The Calgary Police Service recognizes the critical role played by the Bedford House. It provides structured and supervised programs, tailored to the needs of individuals selected by the Correctional Service of Canada for early release. The rehabilitative programs are crafted and facilitated with the end goal of successful community reintegration. Communities need halfway houses, and their successful integration relies heavily on effective working relationships. The Calgary Police Service has an excellent working relationship with the Bedford House and the CJHS, and it is expected that this will continue.

The Calgary Police Service supports the proposed temporary relocation of the Bedford House to 2404 - 50 Street SE.

Sincerely,



Roger Chaffin
CHIEF OF POLICE

Cc Councillor Andre Chabot, Ward 10, City of Calgary
Councillor Gian-Carlo Carra, Ward 9, City of Calgary
Gord Sand, Calgary John Howard Society
Kathy Oberg, Brown & Associates Planning

Kathy Oberg

From: lorilosowy@shaw.ca
Sent: January-15-16 3:03 PM
To: Carolyn @ Erin Woods; Kathy Oberg
Cc: andre.chabot@calgary.ca; Gian-Carlo. ca; David Couroux
Subject: Re: Calgary John Howard Society - Temporary Land Use Application

Hi Kathy,

Just wanted to let you know that Erin Woods Community Association had found no reason to oppose the John Howard Society's application for a new temporary location for their Bedford House. We have notified City Planning Dept. of this as well.

Cheers,
Lori Losowy
EWCA Planning Rep.

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January 26, 2016

City Council
City of Calgary
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Dear City Council,

Bedford House is a crucial part of the Calgary community that provides much-needed transitional support for men integrating back into society after spending time in prison. It keeps Calgarians safe by offering services to Bedford House residents that decrease the likelihood of reoffending – employment and educational programs, therapy, curfews, check-ins and more.

Bedford House is owned and operated by Calgary John Howard Society (CJHS), one of RESOLVE's nine Partners that are collaborating to provide affordable and supported rental housing to 3,000 homeless and marginalized Calgarians.

Unfortunately, Bedford House has been expropriated. CJHS owns land in Manchester but cannot build a new Bedford House until it raises funds through RESOLVE. It is imperative that CJHS finds a temporary home for residents so they are not released into homelessness or sent back to prison. Interrupting their programming could be a significant detriment to their progress and, ultimately, the safety of the community.

I wholly encourage the temporary relocation of Bedford House residents to Forest Lawn. We know from research that affordable and supported housing, including Bedford House, does not increase crime in the communities in which they reside. In fact, studies show that police interactions and incarcerations, along with the use of other social services, significantly decrease. This type of housing saves taxpayers an average of \$34,000 per homeless person per year.

CJHS has been serving marginalized Calgarians since 1949 as the John Howard Society of Alberta and was separately incorporated in 1984. The agency is part of RESOLVE's collaborative solution, supported by our other eight Partners, to make Calgary a better city for everyone. Gord Sand, Executive Director of CJHS, has been with the organization since 1981. Gord leads a team dedicated to making Calgary a safe city with effective practices for people involved with the justice system.

Homelessness and crime can often go hand-in-hand. We can end this cycle for Bedford House residents by giving them a temporary home in Forest Lawn where they will get the supports they need to be contributing members of society.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Barlage
Executive Director
RESOLVE Campaign

Cc: Gordon Sand, Calgary John Howard Society
Kathy Oberg, Brown and Associates

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SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT TO DATE
CJHS BEDFORD HOUSE TEMPORARY RELOCATION TO FOREST LAWN
AS OF JANUARY 25, 2016
FOR DISTRIBUTION

Oct 1, 2015	Application submitted to City of Calgary
Oct 7, 2015	Site visit (noting area businesses, churches, schools, playgrounds, neighbours, etc)
Oct 19, 2015	Community Engagement Kickoff (first contact with Forest Lawn CA President, Dover CA, St. Vincent Liem Church, Oasis Mobile Home Park)
Oct 20, 2015	Call back from Dover CA, Information Package forwarded to the Board and offer to meet (date and meeting pending)
Oct 21, 2015	Contacted the Hope Mission on Hubalta Road and left a message. Purpose of call was to introduce CJHS and inquire about an open house space. To date, no one has returned our call.
Oct 21, 2015	Rec'd a phone call from an individual who got our contact information from the message left at St. Vincent Liem Church. Understood he was the pastor. He indicated the church was very busy with youth and in the evenings and they would not be able to accommodate an open house there. Later found out he is a member of the congregation and not the pastor.
Oct 22, 2015	Received a call from International Ave. BRZ ED . An offer was made to meet with the Board; the offer was declined. An offer was made to meet one-on-one with the ED. The offer was accepted and the meeting is pending.
Oct 23, 2015	Met with the Manager of the Oasis Home Mobile Park. She was supportive of CJHS moving in next door as "everyone needs a second chance." If anything, she was worried about the suitability of the site for the residents of Bedford House because of the "temptation" in the area. She welcomed the idea of increased police presence.
Oct 26, 2015	Contacted the Evangel Christian Assembly as a possible location for the open house. Left a message. To date, no one has returned the call.
Oct 26, 2015	Contacted the East Calgary Twin Arena even though it's not very close to the site, it seems to be our only possibility for an open house location. They were open to us renting their space. Scheduled to visit the site on Oct 28 to confirm location for open house.
Oct 27, 2015	Confirmation of meeting with the Forest Lawn Community Association. CJHS was invited to join their regular monthly meeting for a presentation on the evening of Oct 28, 2015. Inquired about an open house space.
Oct 27, 2015	Received a call from Constable Ray Hostland from the Calgary Police Service. He said he is the Community Policing Officer for the area. He offered to tour us

	around the area so we could be well advised of the key areas to note – i.e. hooker stroll, drug houses, etc.
Oct 27, 2015	Followed up with Dover CA (2 nd contact), via email, to see if they would like a meeting with us.
Oct 28, 2015	Heard from Dover CA that they are working with Forest Lawn CA on this file. They needed to speak with their board, welcomed any information we could provide, and would get back to us.
Oct 28, 2015	Telephoned and sent email to the ED of the International Ave. BRZ requesting a meeting. (2 nd attempt to contact). Spoke with someone who said they'd pass along the message.
Oct 28, 2015	Sent information to Deputy Chief of Police regarding submission and requested it be reviewed.
Oct 28, 2015	Met with Forest Lawn CA Board. Made a presentation about the proposed relocation of Bedford House to Forest Lawn. Inquired about using their hall as a site for an open house. They agreed and said to call their office the next day to confirm availability of the hall.
Oct 29, 2015	Received a question from Community Policing Officer, Ray Hostland re: type of offences Bedford House residents have committed.
Oct 29, 2015	Secured open house date at Forest Lawn CA for Nov 12.
Nov 3, 2015	Dover CA confirmed a meeting with their board for Nov 4 th .
Nov 3, 2015	Email to ED of the International BRZ with pedophile electronic monitoring letter and an invitation to the open house. (3 rd attempt to contact)
Nov 3, 2015	Email to Forest Lawn and Dover CAs with pedophile electronic monitoring letter and invitation to the open house.
Nov 4, 2015	(2 nd and 3 rd attempt to contact church) Left voicemail for the person who had contacted us from St. Vincent Liem Church offering to send materials, inform about open house on Nov 12 and to offer a one-on-one meeting with the team to discuss our plans. Sent follow-up email. Email bounced back. Left another message at the church.
Nov 4, 2015	Sent email to Constable Ray Hostland regarding electronic monitoring of diagnosed pedophiles and with more community information.
Nov 4, 2015	(4 th attempt to contact) Called the office at St. Vincent Liem Church to speak with the person who had contacted us and was informed he is not the pastor at the church, rather was told Rev Joseph is. Left another message for the Rev. Requested an email address and was told they could not provide it.
Nov 4, 2015	Informed by the FLCA president that they had double-booked their community hall and it was not available to us for an open house on the evening of Nov 12.
Nov 4, 2015	Met with the executive from the Dover Community Association. They expressed their concern with the project due to prostitution, drug activity and many latchkey kids in the area. We answered their questions and encouraged them to continue to contact us if they had any further questions. The new Forest Lawn CA president and other members of FLCA were also in attendance.
Nov 5, 2015	Stop put on the Canada Post mail-out that was in progress for 8700 homes in Forest Lawn to invite them to the open house. Cancelled Bold Signs for two locations within the Community.
Nov 5, 2015	(5 th attempt to contact) Called St. Vincent Liem Church again and asked to speak

	with the Rev. Reached the same volunteer as the day before who said she spoke with him and they are not able to help us. We informed her that we were not looking for any help and just wanted to provide them with some information. She said she did not have permission to provide their email address and suggested we mail them, but she did not have their mailing address to provide.
Nov 5, 2015	Called Dover CA to see if we could book an evening for an Open House. Their first available evening is Dec 9, 2015
Nov 5, 2015	Spoke with the Pastor at Apostolic Ark Pentecostal Church located at 4885 Hubalta Rd SE. He declined his church to be a location for an open house, however offered some time at the end of one of the regular services for us to make a presentation on a Sunday at approximately 1:15 if we were interested.
Nov 9, 2015	Gordon Sand picked up a voicemail from the ED of Int'l Ave. BRZ who left a message on Nov 6 saying she had some things she wanted to discuss with Gord. Gord called her back however he received a message that she would be out of town for a week. (4 th attempt to contact)
Nov 13, 2015	We called the Dover CA (I/m) and Forest Lawn CA (spoke with the President) to re-request possible evening dates for an open house. Requested both to get back to us Monday morning.
Nov 16, 2015	Received a voicemail from Dover CA re: booking dates. Never did hear back from Forest Lawn CA.
Nov 16, 2015	CJHS Bedford House Relocation page is refreshed and went live. Includes area for open public comment.
Nov 16, 2015	Gordon Sand emailed the ED of Int'l Ave. BRZ to again encourage comment and engagement. (5 th attempt to contact.)
Nov 16, 2015	CJHS is informed the subject site is available to host an on-site open house on November 30 th , 2015
Nov 17, 2015	Left messages for all principals at three schools located in Forest Lawn, located one km or more from the proposed site. One person who answered the phone at Holy Cross School said the site was too far away for them to lodge a concern, but she would tell the principal we called.
Nov 17, 2015	The ED of Int'l Ave. BRZ emailed Gord to ask if he could chat by phone on Nov 18, 2015
Nov 17, 2015	Called Holy Cross School and asked to speak with the Principal. Administration said CJHS would likely not hear from the principal as the project "was too far away" but he may call given the nature of the proposal.
Nov 17, 2015	Called Valleyview School and left a message for the Principal.
Nov 17, 2015	Called Ian Bazalgette School and left a message for the Principal.
Nov 18, 2015	Called Dover CA and left a message about the upcoming Open House.
Nov 18, 2015	Received return phone calls from all schools.
Nov 18, 2015	Called and spoke with the principal of Valley View School. She had heard about the project as it has come up at her council meeting last month, just in off-hand conversations among her parents. It was not part of the council meeting, however. They didn't ask her to be involved. She agreed to look over the information and would let us know if she had any more questions or would like a meeting with Gord.
Nov 18, 2015	Called Ian Bazalgette School and spoke with their Principal. We advised her about the project. She wishes us all the best and the project "sounds

	fascinating.”
Nov 18, 2015	Rec'd confirmation that the Bold Signs with invitations for the Open House would be put up in Forest Lawn on Friday, Nov 20.
Nov 18, 2015	Gord Sand spoke with the ED of Int'l Ave BRZ. He also sent her an email with the Open House invitation attached and encouraged her and her board to attend the Open House. She indicated the BRZ does not support the application and will try to appeal it if it is approved. They feel the location is not appropriate due to significant crime and a vulnerable population in the area. Gord was invited to speak to the International Ave BRZ Board at their next meeting which is late in January.
Nov 18, 2015	Received an email from FLCA asking for information about the Open House. We emailed them an invitation.
Nov 18, 2015	8,700 open house notices are delivered to Canada Post for distribution to surrounding homes and businesses
Nov 19, 2015	Called Holy Cross School and spoke with the principal. It was a very positive conversation. Didn't appear to have any concerns. We will email him an invitation and the information about the project.
Nov 19, 2015	Called Holy Trinity School – (north of 17 th ave) and spoke with their Principal. He was interested in the project. Was familiar with CJHS with the justice education component that goes into Grade 6 classes. Didn't appear to have any concerns.
Nov 19, 2015	Emailed all four schools with invitations to the open house and background information about the project.
Nov 19, 2015	Emailed Constable Hostland with Open House invitation.
Nov 19, 2015	Emailed Dover CA with an invitation to the Open House.
Nov 19, 2015	Open House Mailers should arrive in mailboxes in the community today.
Nov 20, 2015	Rec'd word from Constable Hostland that he should be able to attend the Open House on Nov 30
Nov 20, 2015	(6 th attempt to contact) Prepared and mailed letters to area churches with an invitation to the Open House as well as more information about the proposal. Churches circulated: Hope Mission HubAlta, St. Vincent Liem Church, Evangel Christian Assembly, Apostolic Ark Pentecostal Church
Nov 20, 2015	Called Erin Woods Community Association. Spoke with admin at the Association. She said the City had sent them a copy of the proposal and they knew about it. She agreed to email our package of information to the Board of Directors.
Nov 20, 2015	Called Penbrooke Meadows Community Association. No answer. Sent an email to the CA president.
Nov 23, 2015	Started receiving calls from the general community after they received the open house flyers. These calls are itemized in a separate document. We received four phone calls in total.
Nov 30, 2015	Held Open House at 2404 – 50 Street SE from 4-7pm. Approximately 75 people attended. Members of RESOLVE Campaign, CJHS board members and employees, Calgary Police Service, Correctional Services Canada, area social workers, and area Councillors were in attendance. Many community residents, community association board members, and members of area churches were in attendance.
Dec 9-15	Gord spoke with the ED of Int'l Ave BRZ. He has a date set to meet with their board on Jan 27, 2016.
Dec 16-15	Received a letter from the Calgary Chief of Police indicating support for the

	project.
Jan 12-16	Sent copy of the Chief's letter to Constable Ray Hostland – community policing officer for Forest Lawn.
Jan 14-16	Sent a copy of the Chief's letter to the ED of Int'l Ave BRZ.
Jan 15-16	Sent copies of the Chief's letter to CA presidents – Forest Lawn, Dover, Erin Woods, Pembroke Meadows and offered to meet with them again if they wished.
Jan 15-16	Received an email from the Erin Woods Community Association indicating they found no reason to oppose the application for the temporary relocation of Bedford House to Forest Lawn and that they had notified the City of Calgary's Planning Dept of same.
Jan 22-16	Received an email from Pembroke Meadows Community Association president indicating no objections for the proposed use of the building and welcoming Bedford House to the neighbourhood.
Jan 25-16	To date, no comments have been made in the open forum on the CJHS website page about the relocation of Bedford House.
Jan 26-16	CJHS Team met with the BRZ "Special Committee", which included members from the BRZ Board and Forest Lawn Community Association President. Discussion occurred related to the land use proposal, good neighbour agreement policies, good neighbour agreement timelines, and CJHS operations. A request was made to provide the Manchester GNA as background and the DP application number for Manchester.
Jan 27-16	Emailed the BRZ a link to the City of Calgary website that included information on what the GNA is and a link to the Manchester GNA.



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November 3, 2015

*Forest Lawn Community Association
Dover Community Association
International Ave BRZ*

**Re: Calgary John Howard Society – Community Residential Facility
(Bedford Halfway House) Temporary Facility – 2404 50th Street SE**

The Calgary John Howard Society (CJHS) has been unable to proceed with construction of its new Community Residential Facility in Manchester, and requires a temporary replacement for its existing facility (Bedford House) until the Manchester facility is ready. An application has been formally submitted with the City of Calgary for a site located at 2404 50th Street SE. This application is for a Land Use Re-designation allowing for Custodial Care uses on the proposed site.

At our recent meeting with the Forest Lawn Community Association Board the issue of whether or not pedophiles would be accepted at the Forest Lawn Bedford House was introduced. In consideration of addressing community concerns CJHS is pleased to make the same commitment to the communities surrounding the proposed Forest Lawn site as it did to City Council in addressing concerns for our Manchester site.

In July 2010 the CJHS committed to City Council that, in its new Manchester facility, it would introduce an electronic monitoring program for diagnosed pedophiles when Corrections Canada introduced that program in Calgary. It further promised that it would not accept any diagnosed pedophiles in its new Manchester facility until such time as the electronic monitoring program becomes available. CJHS is able to make this commitment because it has the final authority on who it accepts for residency at Bedford House.

Gordon Sand

Executive Director

CC: City of Calgary Mayors Office
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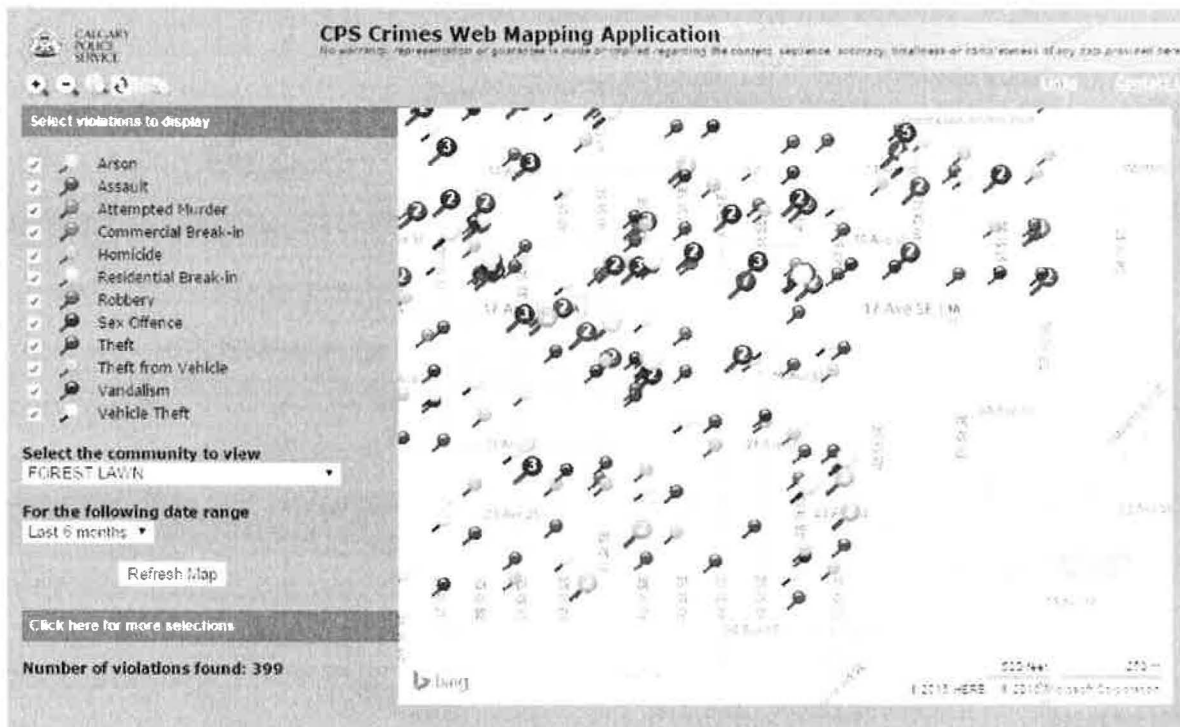
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RE John Howard Society Application LOC2015-0147

Dear Sir / Madam:

As a resident and avid volunteer in Forest Lawn, I am in total opposition of the Land Use Amendment Application (LOC2015-0147) submitted by John Howard Society. Moving the Bedford to the Community of Forest Lawn will have damaging effects on our community for the following reasons:

- 1- Moving the Bedford house to a troubled area does not help the residents move on with their lives, but rather encourages them to reoffend. Here is the map of the Calgary police reported violations in the last 6 months in the exact area where the house is moving. Doing the simple math, that is 2.21 offences/day.



- 2- Forest Lawn has more than its fair share of the half way houses. It is just fair to move the Bedford somewhere else in the city, rather than concentrate most of them in our community.
- 3- The residents of Forest Lawn have been working so hard to fight back the stigma as a troubled community, and we do not need more reasons to strengthen the stigma.
- 4- I do not believe that this move is temporary as presented by John Howard.

I call on you to consider rejecting the application for the benefit of our Forest Lawn community because such a move will set us back in our fight against the stigma as a troubled area.

Michel Selim

Smith, Theresa L.

From: Tracy Labinowicz [tlabinowicz56@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 9:52 AM
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Subject: Objection to Land use bylaw amendment for 2404 50th street SE

Hello

My name is Tracy Labinowicz and I live 2 blocks from this proposed location. I have lived in this neighbourhood for 12 years and have seen the many changes and attempts to improve forest lawn. I love this community and I strongly feel that this proposed land use amendment will be counterproductive to our community's image and the overall spirit. This proposed site is very close to a playground zone that is extremely busy and many of the children that play there are unsupervised. There are no sidewalks along 50th street by this site so walking places is an inconvenience and transit is several blocks away. Along this street is notoriously known for prostitutes and drug dealers so there would be constant temptation for residents of the halfway house. The reputation of this neighbourhood is already discouraging and this would be a step back. I have seen several improvements to this area and am aware of more planned projects to change the image of forest lawn. I am hopeful of what these positive changes will mean for my neighbourhood. I strongly object to this location for land use change and pray that our community's objections will be heard and respected.

Thank you for your time
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